

--- “Series of 1883” - Ten Pounds - Green - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 10 pound stamp was added to the “Series of 1883” Coupon stamps before they were introduced on July 1st. Thus the initial 7,000 copies were possibly printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper. **WANTED!**

The catalogue lists the recess printed ten pound, green, “Series of 1883” coupon stamp as follows:

RM-273 - 10 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 7,000 copies of “10 lb., Green Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 24,880 copies of “10 lb., Green Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 26,620 copies of “10 lb., Green Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 10 pound green Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract	7,000	- 000001 to 007000
4th BABN Contract	24,880	- 007001 to 031880
5th BABN Contract	<u>26,620</u>	- 031881 to 058500
	58,500	

--- The “actual” control number range on the 10 pound green Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

10 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* wove, with 4 mm. blue controls - **010656** to **031883**

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - *with 4 mm. violet Gothic controls* ---

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with the 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s. Some examples can be found on *block wmkd* paper which indicates that they were from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later then 1900. It is possible that these stamps were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists.



★ 10 pound, green, perf 12, CWC, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **404319**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove

--- RM-273 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188_* stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound green Coupon stamp ---

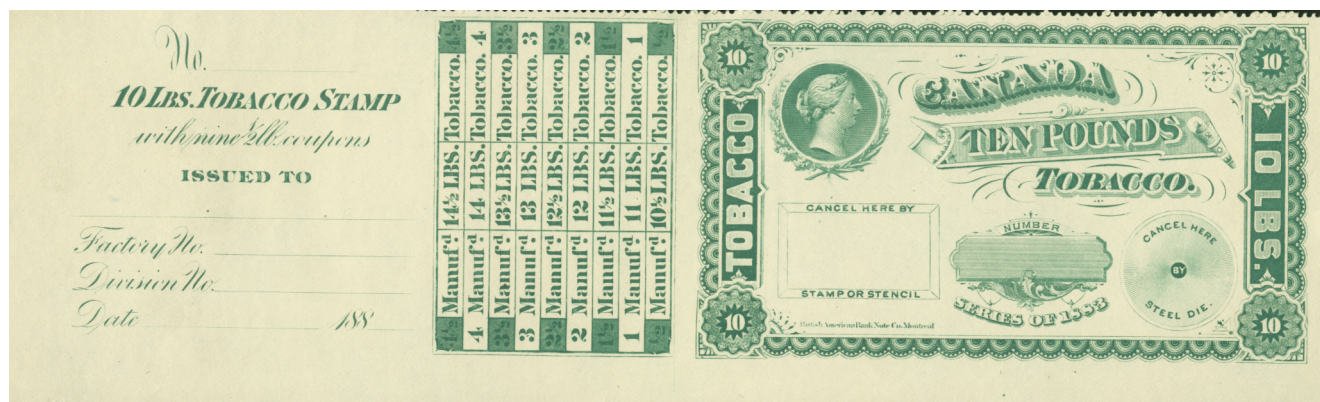
3rd BABN Contract

7,000

- **000001** to **007000**

The collection *does not* contain a copy ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract**. I wonder if these stamps were printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper. **WANTED!**

The presence of *block wmkd* stamps is pure speculation on my part. It is based on the occurrence of 8,500 copies of the *block wmkd* fifteen pound green stamp.



★**RM-273n** - 10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, with nine ½ pound coupons and an *188_* stub

--- RM-273 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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RM-273 - 10 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound green Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract

24,880

- 007001 to 031880



★RM-273 CP - 10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. blue control number **031511**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

010656	RM-273	10 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, used and battered, roller cancelled TOBACCO / C-17
030296	RM-273	10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with nine ½ pound coupons and an <i>188</i> _ stub
031511 ★	RM-273 CP	10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on horizontal mesh <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with nine ½ pound coupons and an <i>188</i> _ stub, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters (suspect)
031882	RM-273 CP	10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on horizontal mesh <i>unwmkd</i> wove, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters (suspect)
031883 ★	RM-273	10 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on horizontal mesh <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with nine ½ pound coupons

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound green Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract

26,620

- 031881 to 058500

The collection *does not* contain a copy ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract**. These stamps were probably printed under the previous contract, but were not ‘delivered’ until after 1892. If they were a new printing, one would expect them to carry the Ottawa 5 mm. control numbers, and possibly an *189*_ stub.

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